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### Lad Admits Munder

Manchester, Feb. 12. A 16-year-old labourer sullenly told the Manchester Juvenile Court to-day that he strangled Shella Gowre, 10-year-old victim in one of Britain's two recent

"one shoe" murders. The youth, Joseph Gibson, was charged with murder after he told the Court, "I have nothing to say. It is true."

The police said the boy made a voluntary statement on the crime but added that it would not be made public at present. The magistrate, Mr J. Wellesley Orr, ordered Gibson held in custody and approved a paychiatric examination of the boy. Gibson was arrested last night at a farm house near Winters, Derbyshire, where he worked as

#### China's Currency

a labourer.—United Press.

## ACTION IS PROMISED

Nanking, Feb. 12. The Minister of Information, Mr. Peng Hsweh-pel, though declining to give a detailed comment, told a press conference today that the Government will take "adequate measures" to control China's wildly fluctuating exchange market.

He called the currency fluctuations "symptoms of a deep-rooted disease," destruction".

Mr Peng said that the Chinese people must not delude themselves by thinking that the situation can be remedied through changing the name of the Chinese currency and adjusting the exchange rate or customs tariffs. "Only by an early resumption of our reconstruction work and condition", he said.

COVT. CONFIDENT

Mr Peng said that the Government was confident that it can cope unloading of coal cars. with present crisis. "Adequate measures are being taken and will be taken," he said. What these measures are, however,-whether they would involve a change in China's gold policy, whether "the Central Bank of China would continue to sell gold in an effort to stabilise the currency, whether the currency would would be worked out for the export and night, in order to save power. subsidy plan or whether any other plan would be instituted-Mr Peng refused to comment

Any reply to such questions, he said, would without fall directly affect the market, and added: "This year will be the most difficult on the road to economic convalescence,"

Meanwhile, although prices of gold-bars and United States dollars sharply declined in Nanking to-day, theres was no fall in commodity prices. Crowds struggle in front of flour shops to be the first in line, while first grade rice virtually disappeared from the market with the maximum purchase of only 17 pounds possible.—Reuter.

country's political and moral bankruptcy.

of national economic chaos.

EDITORIAL

## Goes Back To Wartime Footing

### SITUATION "DANGEROUSLY CRITICAL"

London, Feb. 12.

The Government, acting under wartime emergency powers, tonight extended electricity restrictions to all England, Scotland and Wales, ordered gaol sentences and fines of violators and announced a series of drastic manpower and transport measures to speed movement of coal to Britain's fuel-starved power stations.

The announcement from No 10 Downing Street said that the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, had established a joint committee of Cabinet Ministers and Coal, electricity and railway executives and ordered this committee to work to overcome the crisis with "the same speed and urgency as a military operation during the war."

"The meeting was advised that the situation remains dangerously critical,"

the announcement said. The Joint Committee-corresponding to a General staff in wartime decided on the following measures: I. Restrictions on domestic electo all England, Scotland and Wales from to-morrow morning. The restricted hours to be 8.30 a.m to 11.30 resulting from eight years of a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; to 3.30 p.m. in the Japanese aggression and two years Middle East and North-east of Engever-increasing Communist land and throughout Scotland, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. in the remainder of the country,

2. Domestic consumers who violate i restrictions will be punished under gulation 55, Defence Regulation 55, which provides for gaol sentences or fines or tricity consumption will be applied both. No specific sentences were mentioned, however,

> 3. There shall be no ban on industrial electricity consumption in the newly-affected areas of Scotland and north-east, mideast and south-west England.

fuel for dog-racing shall be prohibi-/ Thames,

ted immediately under Defence Re-5. Railway passenger services. including night expresses where necessary, shall be

wherever such action will permit the

running of extra coal trains. 6. All possible steps, including the discharge of coal in London docks not normally used by colliers, shall be taken immediately to speed 4. Consumption of any form of the turn-around of colliers in the

#### POWER TO REQUISITION

7. The Labour Minister, Mr George | 11. Mr Shinwell and Mr Barnes | at

8. The Transport Minister, Mr Alfred Barnes, will arrange immediately for a supply of trucks to assist in when restrictions are eased.

9. The Fuel Minister, Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, was authorised to exercise power to regulation coal supplies where it is necessary to divert coal from the original consignee in order to insure a more rapid turn around of coal oars.

Isaacs, after consulting Trade Unions, were authorised to call in Service | had put the figure at more than | Palestine by air to-morrow. shall immediately organise a supply personnel and transport and to take 4,000,000. of additional civilian labour to help all other steps to speed movement of by applying the motto hard work unload coal cars. The co-operation open cast coal stocked on the ground. and strict economy can we find the of the Army, Navy and Air Force 12. It is impossible to tell when unemployment benefits. Most of the Dempsey, Commander-in-Chief of electricity restrictions may be relaged, but industrial consumers will be given priority over domestic users

> Power restrictions now affect all 40,000,000 persons on this island in varying degrees and put Britain. back on a war footing to meet ist gravest industrial crisis since the general strike in 1926.

The Labour Minister, in its first official estimate, placed the number | tions. 10. Electric supply plants were left jobless by the 100% cut in authorised to reduce their voltage by electricity to non-essential factories manufacturers closed. Ninety per be devalued, whether a substitute five per cent, both during the day in London, Southeast England, the Midlands and Northwest England, shut.—United Press.

remainder, it was said, probably the Middle East land forces. will receive their regular wages this week under the guaranteed work agreements.

80,000 out of work, Half country's clothing factories and nearly all textile plants were closed. Virtually all London and Leeds furniture factories, and half those in High Wycombe, suspended opera-

More than 100 biscuit and cake cent of baby carriage works were

### IDLENESS TO SPREAD, PREDICTION

industries were diminishing past the day-officials announced. dustries, reports Associated Press. millions are entirely dependent upon gas-made from coal-for home

Coal savings resulting from electricity cuts on Tuesday, second day of the blackout order, totalled 24,500

China's Other Sorrow

TF China's only sorrow were the Yellow River her present and future

scars left by her fury, but the wounds caused by man's avarice, stupidity

and amoral behaviour can never be completely healed. China's worst enemy

to-day is herself; her disinterested intellectuals acknowledge it, and her

genuine friends grieve over it. It gives no pleasure to reach this conclusion,

but it cannot be denied in the light of the continual manifestations of the

climaxing an insidious and brutal campaign, is a classic example. It is true that a powerful black market of currency speculators and manipulators

has been dominating both internal and external trade and commercial

transactions for 16 months, but to claim that this is the sole factor con-

tributing to China's present tribulation. is merely to admit the impotency

of the government to deal with the situation. More perturbing is the

apparent unwillingness to take sufficiently strong and effective action'

to protect the economic stability of the people. For this is the crux

of the existing crisis. Little sympathy will be wasted on that parasitical

minority, the speculators and manipulators, if they are caught in their own

financial meshes. They deserve nothing better. It is the helpless "little

man", on a monthly salary, who has to put all his economic trust in prin-

cipalities and powers, who is the real sufferer. It is he who finds the

everyday necessities of life placed beyond his reach; who doesn't know

from day to day whether the purchasing power of his pay envelope will

be one-tenth, one-hundredth or one-thousandth of its face value; who faces

the prospects of unemployment, dispossession and the dozen other offects

accepted economic formula. It doesn't scom to matter twopence whother

gold is restricted; whether it is made freely available; whether it is na-

tionalized. One of China's sorrows to-day is that any action is almost

certain to have the same result—instability, chaos, crisis. China's orying

tenet that the welfare of the community comes before the individual.

Neither does the remedy, at least in China, appear to reside in any

worries would be bearable. Nature has methods of obliterating the

The total collapse of Chinese currency during the past 48 hours,

Warning that coal supplies for gas, tons-2,000 tons more than on Mon- (trucks skidded along ley reads to danger point, the Ministry of Fuel | With a major portion of the ma-

and Power called for "really serious | tion's economy disrupted unemployeconomy" to guarantee gas stocks ment figures rose sharply. Between have been thrown into idleness, a

still further, he added: "people do to-day, not yet realise the serious personal effect this will have on everyone."

For the third successive day prices on the London slock exchange sank losses, industrialists served statutory naces which have been blacked out notice on idle employees of plans throughout England. to discontinue payment of guaranteed minimum wages this week.

shoes—everything" said one Board of | United States and Canada until next Trade official, adding, "most of the week to keep watch on Britain's food goods we are living on are stocks supplies during the fuel crisis. and since the war there has been practically nothing in the supply Strachey will go by air. Originally pipe-line. Even if the crisis ended he was to have departed by ship to-morrow-and it definitely will not this week. -there will be increasing scarcity while the lost output is being made

in Northern Ireland where many. train services were cancelled, coal supplies dwindled still further, and work schedules for 100,000 linen workers were reduced to three weeks in four.

There were a few bright spots In the dismal picture. Leaders of the Transport and General Workers Union-largest labour union in the world-urged its members to make every effort to maintain a continuous flow of coal supplies,-Associated

In a further despatch, United Press states that 38 colliers, carrying ed from Northeastern coal ports int route to London.

selflessness, the strength of purpose, and the will to implement the man prisoners of war worked to clear snow-clogged highways. Army Associated Press.

coal mines.

Radar-equipped warships escorted coal ships through the stormy North for bakeries and other essential in- 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 men already Sea toward London. Normally, it takes 36 hours for colliers to run As in the case of electricity, many | Board of Trade spokesman estimated. | from the Tyne to the Thames, but | the captains of the hardy little ships Predicting idleness will spread calculated at least a 48-hour passage

> lower. Faced with amounting than a glow for the industrial furand Southeast will show little more Royal Navy on Sunday.-Reuter.

The same news agency reports that "This is going to affect rations, the Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, appliances, to-day delayed his departure for the

To save travelling time, Mr

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Dr Edith The situation was almost as bad Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said she was "satisfied" that Britons could maintain their 2,900 caloric level by sprinkling their daily diet liberally with unrationed foods.

#### DECISION ON ARMAMENTS

Lake Success, Feb. 13. The United Nations Security 70,000 tons of coal to power-starved Council voted 9 to 0 to-day to London and Southeast England, sail- create a commission to study the teeth of a howling blizzard, en the reduction of all armaments except those already being Throughout Britain, thousands of examined by the United Nations need is an administrative system that has for its foundations hencety, British and Polish troops and Ger- Atomic Energy. Commission,-

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## Palestine Parleys Collapse

#### Case May Be Sent To United Nations

London, Feb. 12. The final breakdown of the Palestine Conference came today when the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, told the Arab delegates at the resumed conference that the British Government had been trying to find a middle course in the Palestine problem but had met with no spirit of compromise on either side.

Mr Bevin regretfully said that he would have to report the failure to reach any agreement to the British Cablnet on Friday and that he would like to meet the Arab delegations once more to convey to them the Cabinet's views.

It was agreed therefore that the conference should have one more session on Friday afternoon. Mr Bevin told the Arab delegations that if the two parties could not settle the problem by themselves and if they would not accept the proposals which had been made by the British delegation, he thought cancelled the Government would probably have to submit the whole matter to

> the United Nations.—Reuter. GIVES UP COMMAND Jerusalem, Feb. 12.

General Sir Evelyn Barker. General-Officer Commanding the British troops in Palestine is reliably reported to-day to have relinguished his command and loft by air for Cairo on his way to Britain. His successor Major-General G.

1,812,000. Unofficial estimates A. MacMillan, is expected to reach Both General Barker and-General The Ministry said 612,000 of the MacMillan are reported to be dining temporarily jobless had applied for to-night with General Sir Miles

Before General Barker's departure from Palestine was known, it was announced that he had granted an Nearly 90% of boot and shoe pro- "Indefinite" respite in the death senduction has stopped, throwing tence imposed on the Hungarian Jew Dov Gruner for his attack on

a Palestine police station. To-day, Mojor Collins, who was kidnapped and held for four days by Jewish terrorists as a hostage for Gruner, left hospital where he has been since his release on January 30, and moved into one of the barbed wire security zones in Jerusalem, which the local Jewish press

describes as "British ghettos". The illegal immigrant ship reported to have been intercepted by British destroyers off Haifa was still "somewhere in the Mediterranean late to-day," according to official sources

in Jerusalem. The ship is said to be the "Ulua" which left La Perouse near Alciero on Sunday with six hundred Jewish

#### refugees on board,-Reuter. LATEST THREAT

Jerusalem, Feb. 12. The "Voice of Fighting Zion," Jewish terrorist radio, sald to-night Seventeen coal trains were en route | that the British "would be punished" to London from the north, carrying for causing the death of an illegal approximately 6,500 tons. But even Jewish immigrant on the schooner 76,000 tons of coal going to London | La Negev, brought into Halfa by the

STOP PRESS

#### RICE RIOT IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 13. A crowd of Chinese raided a rice

shop in Shanghai this morning, and over the protests of the employees, seized most of the stocks. This is the first of the so-called "rice riots" which shopkeepers feared as a result of high prices and scarcity of commodities.—Associated Press.

#### Dover Losing White Chiffs

Dover, Feb. 12. It is estimated that a quarter of a million tons of the White Cliffs of Dover have tumbled into the sea near the Kent beauty spot of St Margaret's Bay,

between Deal and Dover. Last night a landslide of the familiar chalk cliff, about 150 yards long, 30 feet deep and 200 feet high,

occurred. St Margaret's Bay, a small cove at the bottom of . the cliff and reached by a mile-long winding hill was heavily shelled by German cross-channel guns during the war and later its shelltorn houses and beaches were used as a Commando

training ground. The war shakeup and Arctic weather are believed to be responsible for the landslide but falls are fairly frequent, however, around the whole chalk cliff belt of England.—Reuter.

## HK AIRFIELD

#### "Difficult Problems"

London, Feb. 12. A question was asked in the House of Commons to-day concerning the construction of an airfield in Hong-

Colonel Rees Williams (Lab) usiced the Secretary of State for the used by large airliners.

technical and financial problems. and that Malay fishermen were short of fishing equipment, the Colonial Secretary should give them financial assistance necessary to make good

this deficiency. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Creech the document said. Jones, replied: "Every effort is being made to supply fishermen in Malayawith the necessary equipment to e .able them to increase their catches and a special missioner for Southtion to this matter.'

Mr D. N. T. Pritt, Independent pointed by the Governor of the Malayan Union to consider application to Malaya of the principles in his department's memorandum on organisation of the Colonial Service, has made for bridging the gap between the salary rates of European and Asiatic officers.

Mr Creech Jones replied: "I am informed that the Governor has not yet received any recommendation on the subject."

## Army And Navy To Cost More

#### Estimates New

London, Feb. 12. The British Government revised upward by £70,000,000 on Wednesday the estimated cost of maintaining its far-flung army and navy during the year ending March 31, 1947, a period marked by international ten-

Supplementary estimates published as White Papers placed the combined total cost at

£1,007,075,000. The ormy's estimate was increased by £50,000,000 to £732,000,000. The navy's was increased

£20,000,000 to £275,075,000. The army's White Paper said that an estimated 65,000 men were required for service in addition to the number previously estimated. Informed sources, said that Britain had an army of 850,000 men at the close of 1946. The Royal Air Force is a separate entity and none of the figures announced apply to it.

The paper officially attributed only £17,000,000 of the additionally estimated expenditure to the fact that Britain was unable to carry out the "tasks overseds as rapidly as had been hoped,"

WAR GRATUITIES Original estimates, the paper said. were made before the Government decided to pay out £37,000,000 in war gratuities and postwar credits during the current fiscal year. First estimates also did not take into account £14,000,000 needed for the Polish resettlement corps, a unit established several months ago to Colonies what progress was being prepare expatriate Polish soldiers made with the construction of an for British civilian life. In addiairfield at Hongkong-capable of being tion, £4,775,000 was attributed to new rates of pay, bounty pay-Mr Creech Jones replied: "This ments to re-enlistment and "reassess"

matter is still under consideration. ment of retired pay and pensions." The decision involves difficult | The White paper also reported a decrease in the receipts from the sale Col. Rees Williams, who recently of stores to dominion and Allied visited Malaya, also suggested that in Governments, which are now exview of the need of fresh fish to pected to amount to £32,000,000, as supplement the rice ration in Malaya against the original estimate of

A speed up in the repatriation of German prisoners of war, depriving the army of their earnings and services, cost an additional £15,000,000,

The navy White Paper said that L6,700,000 more was needed for service pay, £8,800,000 for civil personned wages at dockyards and shore establishments and £10,300,000 for east Asia is paying particular atten- | war gratulties and postwar credits to personnel.

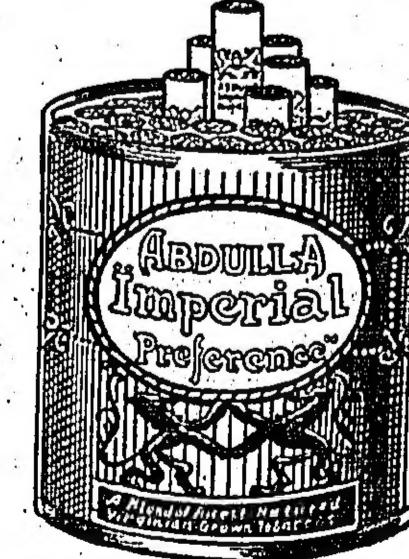
Both the army and navy said that Labour Member, asked what re- their expenditures in some fields commendations the committee ap- would not reach the total originally estimated.—Associated Press.

#### Canton Ammunition Dump Blows Up

Canton, Feb. 13. An ammunition dump, at Fong Cheun, Canton blow up this morning. It is reported that several people were injured. Further details are awaited.—Associated Press.

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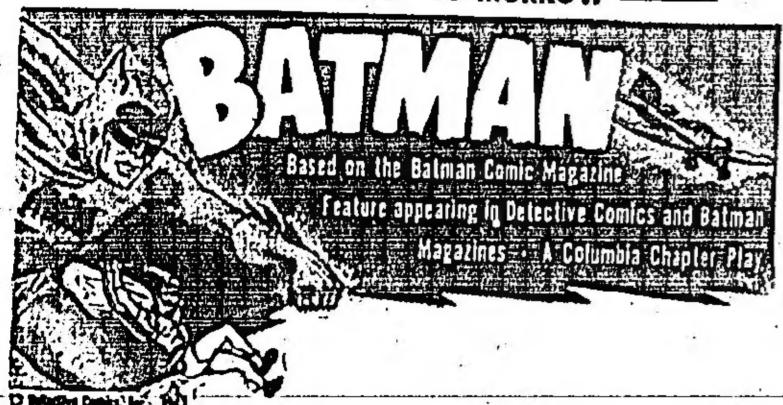


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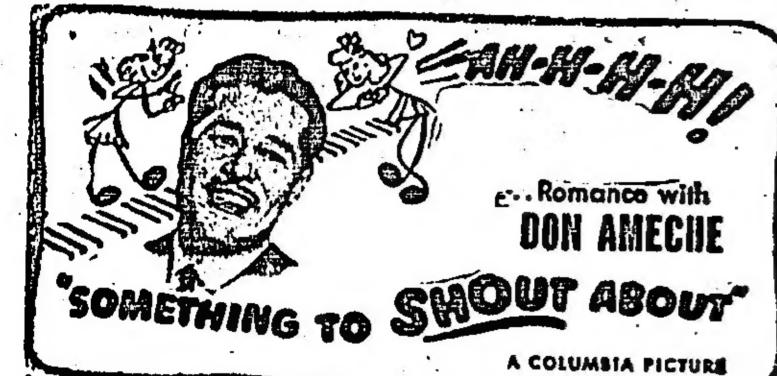


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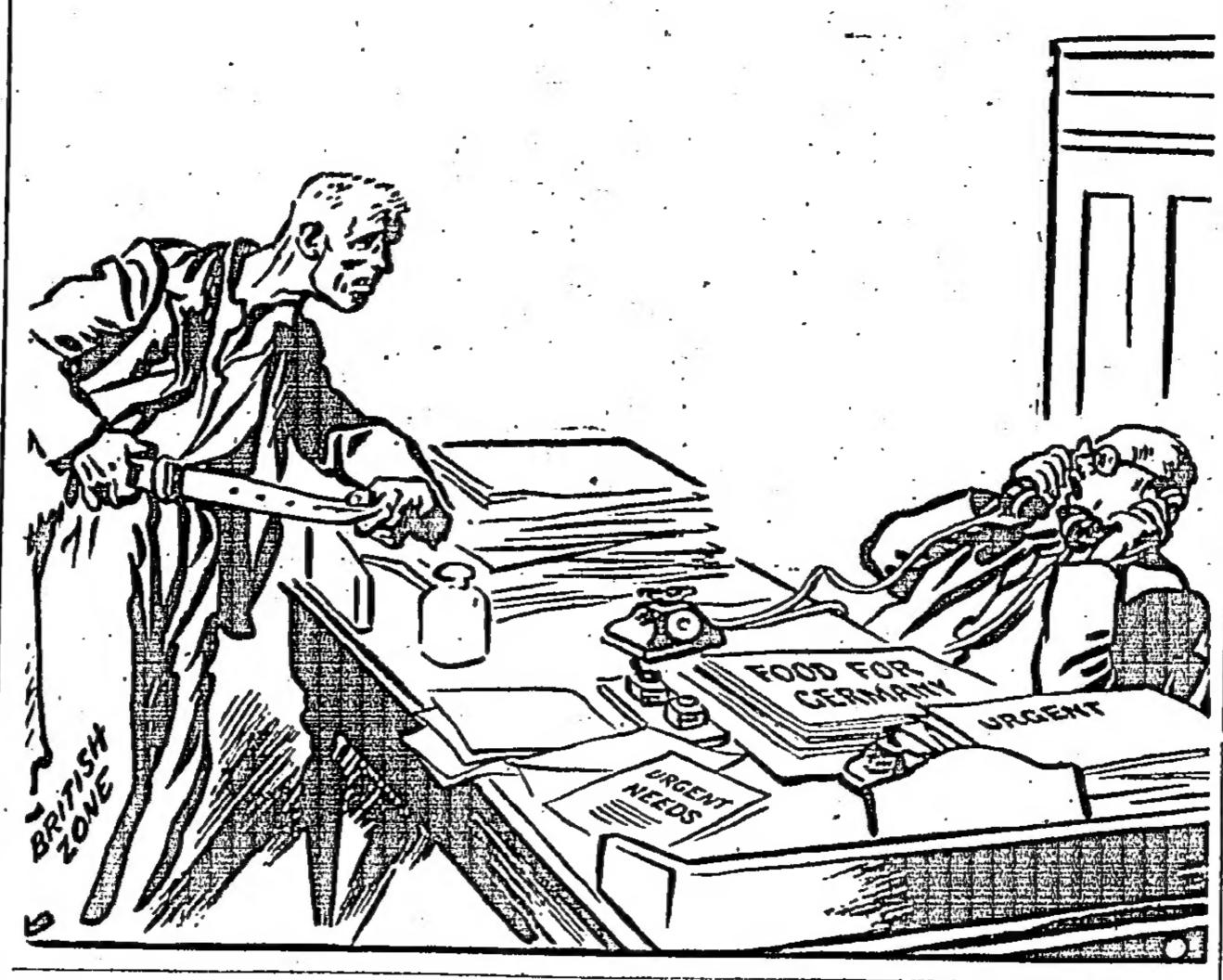
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## YEARS OF BRITISH LEGION

#### From Our London Correspondent

ly in the exhibition at the Central Training Ship, which is moored in exotle species, Hall, London, which was opened by the Thames. Major-General the Earl of Athlone the other day. Four Cabinet Minis- the Legion took the initiative in William Chesson, who is now runters and a number of senior officers most of the major activities. The ning a detective agency. It is stated of the three Services, including Lt. Home Guard in its original form of that "while waiting for a ship in must surely know this. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese und Major- LDV was almost entirely founded the U.S.A. he took a course in de-General R. E. Urquhart, were pre- on Legion branches. The ARP Ser- tection and obtained a diploma," and sent at the opening ceremony.

Object of the exhibition is to stress the significance of this great reserve. Branches of the Women's card register. organisation, which in the last quarter of a century has exercised a potent influence on the life of the accommodation in the country. nation, and to demonstrate to all who served in the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy, the worth- | mond, the work of the Preston Hall while job the Legion is doing to-day. million members and over seven

thousand branches in Britain alone. pleasant social gatherings and bun the exhibition stands.

Half a million pounds a year is spent on Service work, but this represents only a small portion of the Legion's activities. It considers it infinitely more satisfactory start a man on a career, or set him up in business with the aid of a loan and expert advice than to give him

a sum of money to tide him over a difficult period. Spread throughout the country are 4,000 Service committees, consisting of prominent businessmen who, by reason of their calling, can and do apply their experience solving the problems brought them by ex-Service men and women

members in their districts. In addition, the Legion is consulted other questions of social service.

ployer of disabled men in Britain, paper, are on view at the exhibition. with its factories at Richmond, War- Meanwhile, on the other side of minster and Lianwrtyd Wells. It the world Cpl. Charles Thrule, of has set up Sanatoria Settlements the 1st Bn. Cambridgeshire Regt., near Maidstone, at Bournemouth, captured at Singapore, with the same and near Colchester for the treat- problem of overcoming mental ment and complete rehabilitation of stagnation, turned his hand to painttuberculosis patients and their ing. He got his paper as best he families. Preston Hall, in Kent, is a could, used his own hair for brushes, village in itself, with its own in- and mixed his colours from jungle dustries. A country home for aged, plants, boiling the coloured backs of infirm and lonely ex-servicemen has old books or getting the dye from been opened at Westgate-on-Sea, rags. and recently, Churchill Court, at The Nips confiscated 80 of his Sevenoaks, was given to the Legion pictures, but the rest ho hid. and for convalescents of World War II they are now on view. Some depict as a memorial to the wartime leader- | the emasculated bodies of his friends, ship of Mr. Churchill. There are and one was his idea of the baby 400 Haig Homes, dwellings for the daughter he had never seen, disabled and familles of the fallen at rents they can afford, and postwar building plans are extensive.

Extra Fancy

Section played a leading part in the evacuation of children and their

Some of these activities, such as the famous poppy, factory at Richpatient settlers, and leather hand-The Legion has now more than a bags, toys and goods made by badly disabled ex-service men in their own homes and sold through the Their purpose is not just to have agency of the Legion, are shown at

When Victor W. Croxford,

Westeliffe-on-Sea, was taken prisoner at Dunkirk and found himself in Stalag VIIIB he determined to provide himself with an occupation comprehensive picture of this huge that the Germans were trying to prowhich would not only relieve his own boredom, but that of his fellow prisoners. He established himself and self-help. as editor, reporter and printer of a daily news sheet which served as n lighthearted commentary on the daily happenings of camp life, a task he maintained through five years behind barbed wire. It was only interrupted when he and his comrades were forced to murch from by Government and local authori- the Pollsh border to a fresh camp ties on all matters concerning the at Munich, a journey which took 13 welfare of ex-service people. Legion | weeks and 3 days. In order to prerepresentatives are to be found on serve his precious manuscripts, he all Advisory Committees dealing discarded all but the bare essentials with pensions, employment and of clothing and bedding which had to be carried by each man.

The daily diary he kept of his experiences 'together with extracts The Legion, too, is the largest em- and examples of the camp news-

The Legion also runs a taxi- There is also an attractive display been satisfied to open the auction spades, and South would have taken drivers' school, controls car parks of aquariums, shown by an ex- with two instead of three no trump. the fulfilling trick in the red suit in 70 cities and towns in England Service man who lost a leg at Dun- This does not mean that there was that East shortened on the fourth and Wales, at which 400 disabled kirk. The Legion helped him to anything wrong with the final con- club.

twenty-five busy and useful training in seamanship to fatherless specialises in supplying complete stantial scale. years of existence is told most vivid- sons of ex-service men on the Stork "fish tanks" stocked with rare and

Another stand gives an insight During the war years, members of into the business of an ex-sallor. vices, too, were largely organised by he demonstrated a fool-proof system the Legion, as was the first police of identification by finger prints and Miss N. M. June Whyte, of Rosario

Cottage. The Tow Path, Shepperton (Middlesex), a former Wren, is there boxes in wood is making quite a She knew nothing against him. good thing out of it,

There is also A. G. Mewman of Clapham, an expert engraver, and a Others demonstrate the enterprise of all the Japanese-occupied counof demobilised ex-servicemen and tries liberated by the 14th Army, women returning to civil life, or including many of the occupation work undertaken in prisoner of war issues-the work of Captain Gardner of Wimbledon, R.F.C. pilot of World War I and an Artillery Officer He abhors politicians and all their during 39-45.

Altogether, the exhibition, which

of these trick-gaining manoeuvres.

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## ATOMIC

### by Raymond Blackburn, M.P.

atom. He did so in 1938 at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, and his experiment was published to the

It is certain that if Hitler had pre-Strassman's) discovery, America could not have developed the atomic bomb by 1945. In other words, Hahn indirectly saved hundreds of thousands of Allied lives.

So Hahn is a V.I.P., a Very Important Personage-although he may not be listed as such in "Whos

States. These scientists then started were doing so. on the trail that finally led to the you know, to other developments.

Hahn; the first of which the Russians going on for some time before the now repented. The first rumour is that he is working in Britain on the production of atomic bombs. This rumour is entirely un-

#### FORBIDDEN WORK

MY friend (who is a local leader IVI of the Labour Party and a scien-Hahn at Gottingen. Hahn is very dislillusioned. He would like to have more work to do, but the British au-THE story of the British Legion's men are on duty, and provides basic establish his own business, where he with nuclear research on any subthorities will not let him go ahead

The second rumour was Hahn's record during Fascism was none too good. I went to great pains to ascertain the truth about this. Lise Meitner, the brilliant Jewish refugee America by President Compton. scientist who first pointed out in Copenhagen the great significance of Technology, who was General Mac-(Middlesex), a former Wren, is there Hahn's discovery, told me that she Arthur's adviser on the subject, too. She puts model ships in had never made allegations of pro- In the field of nuclear physics. bottles, and together with carving Fascism against Hahn which had British and American and Jewish various objects such as elgarette been printed in the American Press. scientists proved far superior to the

scientist who had known Hahn for the support of German scientists. unique collection of postage stamps twenty or thirty years. He told me categorically that Hahn had never and his friends should not be emhad, or expressed, any sympathy with ployed on work in this field which

Hahn is a scientist who lives in the scientist's proverbial lvory tower.

works. Even more interesting than this is the truth about the work Hahn and also includes film shows and con- his friends were doing in Germany certs, and ex-servicemen's reunions under Hitler. There is no truth in the evenings, provides a most whatever in the widely held view organisation and a magnificent de- duce atomic bombs. They did not monstration of human comradeship even realise that atomic bombs were possible. Dr Franck's statements on

West naturally led the spade king,

and after the briefest survey of

dummy, South pounced on the trick

and started to run off high cards.

The clubs were first; declarer dis-

carded his spades and East could

well afford to let go his spade ten.

Now South shifted over to the

dlamond suit, and he was - severely

shocked when West failed to follow

the second round. Suddenly, doom

was in sight. The diamonds were

good for only three tricks and it was

all too obvious that the hearts

couldn't produce more than three

right at the start he would have

seen that one spade, three hearts,

four diamonds and four clubs were

all he could even hope for. Thus,

since he would certainly have to

give up one (unimportant) trick

why not concede it immediately?

If South had counted his tricks

# Took a journey to Chicago on my part and a journey to Gottingen, in Germany, by a friend to find out the truth about Dr Hahn. But now I know it and I can tell it to you—and, I hope, to the Russians, who are very evidently barking up the wrong tree. Otto Hahn is the German atomic scientist who first split the uranium atom. He did so in 1938 at the Kai-

#### DEATH DUST

QO the German atomic scientists said generated for the purpose of producing radio-active dust.

Atomic "piles" produce enormous quantities of radio-active by-products. Turn these into a fine dust and they could be used as a weapon almost as terrible as the atomic bomb

There is no defence to radio-active dust except to evacuate the area con-taminated. It destroys all living things-human beings, cats, dogs and His discovery was quickly picked even microbes. You could breathe up by scientists in Denmark, Norway, radio-active dust into your system France, Britain and the United for hours without realising that you

This is the weapon to which Proatomic bomb and is now leading, as fessor Joliot-Curie, the great French atomic scientist, was referring when There are two rumours about he predicted that a war might be people attacked even realised they were being attacked.

But Hahn and his friends had got nowhere near producing radioactive dust bombs or rockels. Yet it is important to remember that such weapons might well be created with the expenditure of less time, capital and labour than are required for atomic bombs.

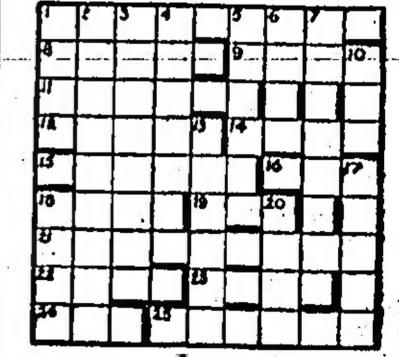
Radio-active dust may well be one tist) recently spent an evening with of the weapons of mass destruction which the scientists can now produce. Leading, American and British scienlists have assured me that this is so.

#### JAPS' MISTAKES

I asked the Prime Minister a ques- | CTRANGELY enough, Japan was not tion about Hahn some time ago and | working on the production of atomic the answer made it plain that Hahn bombs. Their able atomic scientists, would be permitted to proceed with Professors Nishina and Sagare, knew such research only if the Allied Con- all about Hahn's discovery and control Council agreed. The Russians sidered the possibility of building atomic bombs. But somewhere they made serious mistakes in their calculations and concluded that atomic bombs could not be made. This information was obtained for

the Massachusetts Institute o In the field of nuclear physics, scientists of totalitarian countries. Then in Chicago I met Dr. James They can, and will, maintain their Franck, a refugee German atomic lead in this respect without enlisting

But I see no reason why Dr Hahn can help to extend man's knowledge of the many undiscovered secrets of



Across 1. Should hos innag.). (9) 8. Staff of nativo clerks in India. (5) 9. A signal honour leads it, but you icave out -4)

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12. The cream shall we say. (5)
14. Draw together. (4)
15. The gender of the duck. (6)
16. It's a bemused state. (3)
16. Tags with horns on ? (4)
19. Poetically over. (3)

31. The person to summon the in-22. They put the unish on good legs. (4) legs. (4)
23. Hurl. (4)
25. Lens and he are responsible for the girl. (6)

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end. (8)
4. The clearing of woodland for agricultural purposed. (7)
5. What a sticky game it is. (6)
6. May be a warning. (4)
7. It's just a thin cintment. (6)
10. A little drop that might add up. Throw out, as a lanco. (6)

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6, Each; 8, Opoll; 10, Deferred: 32,
Enemics; 16, Rance; 18, Etch.

Extreme. (b).

tricks. Down one!

By Ernie Bushmiller

Exception may be taken to North's Observe what a difference that

jump to the slam, but the fact is would have made! East would

that if anyone everbid slightly. it have found it impossible to discard

was South, who might well have safely after following suit twice to

According To Culbertson

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Very few players short of expert | tract-twelve tricks would have

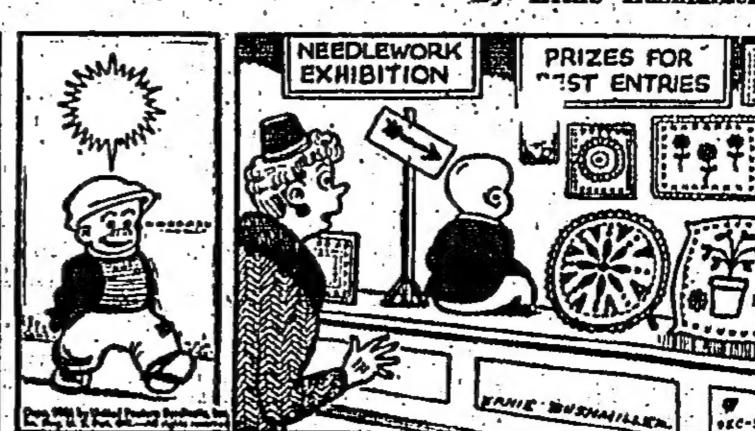
rank can plan and execute squeeze been a laydown with a diamond

plays, but in to-day's deal the de- break, and even without the break

clarer should have "fallen into" one the slam should have been made.

## NANCY I HEAR YOU CUT YOUR @ NINE STITCHES HEAD IN A PUT IN





When You Feel Tired and Restless Elliotts Nerve and

Brain Tonic On Sale at All Dispensarios

## This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Joan Caulfield for Lois Leeds. Outdoor sports put "roses in your cheeks" and Star Shine in your eyes!

#### STAR SHINE!

All-American girl is Joan Caulfield, who appears in Paramount's picture, "Blue Skies." Joan passes up night clubs and goes in for sports: This is a very good idea for you and you and YOU, even though you don't live in sunny California and you aren't in the movies! Sports to suit your life and your climate, will put you in that glamorous girl group-All-American!

It's Back! Black taffetá, which makes such a lovely rustle, is back in fashion again, Lovely Irene Dunne has a bustle-back Black taffeta for a dipner dress. Here's on idea for you!

Green Is New! A Deep Emorald Green, such as was popular in the Victorian era, is very, very "new!" Ginny Simms wears a print with an Emerald Green background. The skirt is draped in the new and flattering-to-your figure fashion. Glany wears Black accessories and Scarlet lips and fingertips.

Hats! A famous blonde star has a big Black satin cartwheel to wear with Black afternoon dresses. It is draped with sequin-spangled talle and you and YOU would look wonderful in such a hat!





If you want Eye Glamour, try using a very little Brown cream eyeshadow on your eyes. Smooth It up toward the eyebrows. Use this eyeshadow cream on the cyclids instead of mascara, Brush your eyebrows with oil to give them a gleam. If the lashes are very Black, use Black cyclash cream instead of Brown eyeshadow for the lashes.

Another but in the collection of this star is a Butterscotch (sounds good!) velvet sailor, with a puffed crown banded in Gold ribbon.

Teen-er! Teen Age 'songstress, Anita Gordon, out on a "very special date," were a Black wool cont fashioned in flaring-skirt style, with a little, high, round collar. She wore Pink Roses on a little Black hat and Pink gloves and, no doubt-Pink lipstickt

#### GAY NOTE



White railia flowers, mounted on hersehalr, top the crown and edge the brim of a navy blue felt model.

## BALINESE TOUCH

By Dorothy Roe The Ballnese influence is strong in

the collection of Joset Walker, of the house of David Goodstein, showing next summer's styles in January zero weather in New York recently for the benefit of the visiting fashlon

Miss Walker, who looks something like a movie glamour girl herself, goes in for Batik Balinese prints in sarong styles for beach wear, and viries these with dramatic backgammon and checkerboard prints for strictly play suits.

Her series of pure silk Shantung dresses and suits are done in jewel colours, handled with a discreet and well-bred touch, with style news in double pocket-flap treatments, new 'square necklines and rounded shoulder lines.—Associated Press,

SIDE GLANCES

Galbraith



The grades aren't so low that Dad will cut off my allow-suce, and not high enough to make me unpopular with my friends—a perfect report card!"

## TEST-TUBE

The Swedish Medical Board is pushing through Parlinment a proposal to legalise test-tube bables. The action. has been met with considerable comment, .

As a matter of fact, there is no law in Sweden listing test tube babies as illegal. There is just no law of any kind regarding this unusual experiment and medical leaders have decided now that they want the entire thing on a legal basis before they continue in their work.

There is terrific interest in Sweden toward the medical profession's ex-periments in artificial insemination, lenders.

haven't time to increase their popu- under way. .

No Time For Bables

That is true. So great is the de-mand of industry upon labour that both men and women are working. So many women are labouring outside the home that many do not have time to have bables. Therefore, industry and govern-

ment are inclined to think that test tube babies for single women who missed marriage would be just the thing.

couple where the husband is sterile happen. At the last moment a tor to a cosmic explosion by its slowand where children are wanted.

of childless persons happy. Not Instant Success

This is the attitude of the medical i profession as a whole. Says Professor A. Westman, a leader in test tube baby experiments: "I have found that childless married women take the initiative in requesting test tube bables. I have learned, too, that many women in business and professions, who never took the time to get married, desire children. Artificial insemination is the answer to their problem."

Dr Per Wetterdal, Inboratory specinlist, said he has experimented with 1200 childless marriages. He added, however, that he and other Swedish physicians have not had the success in such experiments as the physicians of America.

"Even today artificial insemination is not an instant success," he said. /

## GOOD NEWS FOR BALD PEOPLE

shows, will go into the discard if experiments by a Frenchman, M. C. Viola, to restore hair are cil. Apparently Littlemoss prefers as successful as he hopes.

growing hair on denuded scalps. years' research to find a "sedative" to Woodhouse's preference for the herb to reactivate the "sleeping urban area of Fallsworth. Result of

nerves" of the scalp. He advertised for a businessman of Boundary Commissioners. "good reputation" to try the method free of charge.

Jean Lavigne (45), commercial traveller, of Epinal, France, offered himself as a human guinea pig and received two treatments in Viola's

Lavigne was horrifled by the publicity attending his innocent desire to recover his vouthful head of hair. Half-lach Fuzz

Viola then promised that the identity of any new volunteer would be kept secret, and a Swiss and an American stepped forward. They on the Radnor drive and Lytham have been receiving applications of Road housing estates. Only semithe hair-restoring herb in the pri- detached houses are to go up there.

vacy of the inventor's laboratory. Both cautiously report the burgeonhitherto destitute of any growth for

many years. Viola has not yet made sweeping claims for his discovery. He is con-Adent of success, but he will continue the experimental applications on his subjects until the hair really

Then he expects the world's "Legion of the Bald" to bent a path to his door.

## BROTHER TO FIGHT WILL

scendant of a pioneer American family, bequeathed the residue of her US\$500,000 estate to two organisations maintained, by Father Divine, the negro cult names with the Council. leader.

Mrs Lyon, who was 85 when she died on October 10, left her brother only \$500. He is fighting the will on the ground that it is a fraudulent docu-

## LANCASHIRE

By a Special Correspondent

Weather in Lancashire has

been much milder of late and the coal situation is easier, so much not only by would-be mothers, but so that most mills and foundries also by industrialists and government are back to normal working. It must be said, however, that the Sweden is in a bad way as regards her population. Easily able to support twice the present number of a very adverse effect on the 6,000,000, the Swedes are so busy they drive for exports which was well

Beer, also is in better supply, though there are suggestions that in view of the demands of barmen and barmaids for improved conditions one shilling a pint, bitter 1/1d. Mild maintains its pre-budget, or rather pre-last-cut quality, but there is lot of grousing among the bitter. drinkers.

Oldham, after all, did not open its The medical profession believes, of public gallery to a party of German course, it is the acceptable way to prisoners of war from a nearby introduce children into the home of a camp, as I indicated recently was to member of the Council threatened. Test tube babies certainly are not it is understood, to make a protest going to solve immediately Sweden's at the meeting if the Germans were population and, incidentally, labour | present, and as it was felt that such | highly unhealthy, anti-scientific proan embarrassing situation should be problem. But they might make a lot nvoided the Commandant was advised to cancel the visit.

#### Record Birthrate

That 1946 established the highest birthrate for 24 years is matter for pride not only to the Oldham, medical officer of health but also to the located in a neighbouring country. townfolk. Dr T. J. Chalmers Keddie, the M.O.IL, in his annual report gives the rate as 18.68 per 1,000 of the population, the number of births being 2,080. The previous highest return was 19.03 in 1922. Alongside this, Dr. A. H. Barber, of Boundary Park General Hospital, reporting on the maternity figures there, says the most pleasing feature was the extremely low maternal death rate. Of the 2,708 women first, in 1939, to discover that the fisconfined there only one died.

Under the instruction of one of their officers, Sub-Lt. R. Carter, who was fencing instructor at the Royal Marines Physical Training School at the history-making explosion at Hiro-Deal during the war, Ashton Sea shima. This state institution, which Cadets are thoroughly enjoying in- occupies the obsolete Chatillion Fort struction in fencing. "It teaches in the southern outskirts of Paris, them mental agility, quickness of has the significant budget of 500,000, eye, hand and foot" says Mr. Carter. | 000 francs. "They are shaping very well, and in about 18 months we should have the makings of a fencing team ready to take on any comers."

Officially "in the dark" about the "Bald Head Row," and the desire of Littlemess parish to be traditional front row of the amalgamated with the township in orchestra stalls joke at leg the event of the partition of Limehurst Rural district, Droylsden is seeking information from the Limehurst Council and the County Coun-

union with Droylsden rather than M. Viola believes that he has dis- with Ashton. Oldham has claims covered an infallible method of on a portion of the Limehurst area, which, the latter Council opposes. His formula is the result of 18 Limehurst, however, does not object talks now proceeding will go to the

#### Ex-service Women Learn

Ex-service women are back at school again at Southport Technical College. Some 20 of them have started a six-months' full-time course in shorthand, typing and commercial subjects. Their average age is 23 and most of them were Wrens, ATS, or WAAFs until a few

Southport Council have decided that no terraced houses will be built The Council also in an effort to help local builders is against the negoing of a half-inch fuzz on scalps; tiated price practice for house erection, and now will advertise for

> While on the subject of housing, it is interesting to note that Manchester still leads the great cities in the housing race. Returns up to November 30 show that Manchester completed 475 municipallybuilt houses. Another 1,003 are under construction. Private enterprise built 34 permanents and another 252 are under construction.

#### Manchester Redevelopment "Manchester Corporation: have an-

nounced their intention to clear up and redevelop nearly seven acres of land in the centre of the city. The area bounded by Deansgate, Victoria Street. Cathedral Yard, Cathedral Street, Cannon Street, Corporation. Mrs Mary Sheldon Lyon, de- Street, and buildings to the north of Barton Square and Barton Arcade were included in the blitzed site priority list issued some months ago. Interested property owners have two months in which to register their

·First woman in Britain to start her own airline is Mrs. Eugenie Newman of Liverpool. She already has one aircraft and expects to have another in February. Her ambition ment; obtained as a result of a conof the world. Her first trip will be The brother was in charge of the 7,300 miles to Johannesburg with American Red Cross in North Africa are passengers, who include an Isle during the war. during the war.

The late Mrs Lyon left her negro maid, Patience Budd, \$2,500, a Packard car, clothing, jewellery, household furniture and a four-poster and in the United States and been a broadcaster in New York



## ATOM WILL

There is an element in the the price of beer may be ruised. World from being blown to bits The present vault prices are mild by an atomic explosion. These reassuring words were told to a correspondent by Raymond Gregoire, 40-year-old lecturer at the. world-flamous Paris Institute of Radium.

Boron, which is found everywhere in the earth, is a severely limiting fac-

Gregoire regarded the "end of the world" talk about atom bombs as

He lamented that progress in atomic research is prejudiced by the secreey maintained by competing nations, but pointed out that the possibility of secret experiments at an advanced stage such as atomic explosions in remote areas could be "watched" by sensitive apparatus French Activities

The French activities in nuclear research and their complete reorganisation were described by Gregoire, massive and poorly dressed, in the historic Radium Institute founded by the late Madame Curie.

This institute is now under the direction of her daughter Irene, who married the famous atom-scientist, Frederic Juliot. The latter was the sion of an uranium atom was an explosive one.

Juliot is now working in the High Commissariat of Atomic Research, set up by the French Government after

## Germans Made Peanut Seller Negro King

seller—that (in a nutshell) is the biography of dusky, six-feet tall, Mamadou Kane, who stepped out of the back streets of Paris to become self-crowned King of the Senegalese negroes, under the German occupation.

In 1939, Kane was selling peanuts in Paris. In 1941 he so convinced the Germans that he commanded the loyalty of the Senegalese troops that for three years he lived in the lap of luxury. with plenty of servants and flash

that at one time he commanded audiences with Laval and Petain. His fall came in May, 1046, when he was sentenced to five years gool for being a collaborator.

Recently Kane, still serving his sentence, appeared before a Paris court for the second time to give evidence against M, Luce Banchelin, his former lawyer, and his pretty blonde secretary, Mile. Rose Borec, whom he accuses of embezzlement. Royal habits die hard, so when Kane, still wearing his magnificent orange turban and trimmings, thought that justice was not being disposed In his direction, he waved his cane at the judge. . The judge ordered

"King" Kane made a very un-regal exit, shouting at the top of his voice: "I go with my head high and say: Vive La, France-anyway."





## NOT SMASH THE WORLD

earth which will prevent the

He explained that the element, ing effect on atomic fission.

paganda.

The rise and fall of a peanut-

So great was his magnificence

Wave Cane At Judge

him out of court.



The Toy Scout goes straight to the office of Santa Claus and explains why he has brought Rupert.

"Hooray, there's my Ninky I" cries
Rupert suddenly as he catches sight
of his cloth donkey. "Hullo,
Rupert," says the old gentleman
genially, "Does this quoer creature
belong to you? What's it made of? How does it work? The Toy Scout tells me that it jumps, but, though I've poked it and prodded it, it won't move at all for me." I can't tell you much, says Rupert. "He doesn't seem to work to any rules!"

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## BIG TAXES BLAMED FOR BACK MARKET

The black market in jewels, which is crippling the British jewellery trade, gains its encouragement from the imposition of a 100 percent purchase tax, according to a Board of Trade report.

only restricts sales to foreign visitors, but also draws skilled workers away from established These workers set up on their own and make diamond engagement

jewellery which they dispose of for cash in a manner which does not suffer the purchase tax. ... An unprecedented boom is likely in the American trade, and the British manufacturers, eager to meet this, want to firm a central body to plan future developments.

rings and other pieces of high-grade

Black market workers, the investigators report, may be getting good money, but they are frequently working under conditions which make production inefficient and are entirely unhealthy. There is also a temptation among reputable dealers to transact cash

Prices Boar

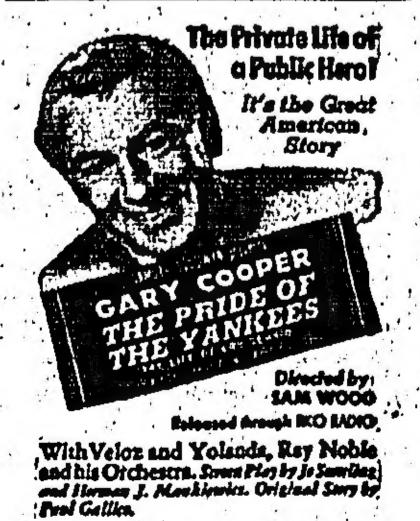
sales without making proper book entries With purchase tax and the increased cost of production and distribution, an article which before

the war could be bought for £100

now costs £500.

A silver tenset is taxed 100 per cent, while a strinless steel tenset, costing as much, or more, is free of

The tax, the report states, not | In this way silver ore sales are being offected by the momaly in the rate of tax on huxury goods.



STARTS SATURDAY

POCKET CARTOON

"Funny little feeling as

Discrimination

Alleged By

Indonesians

first group of Indonesians to-

the homebound Indonesians

The Indonesian Association, which

Mr J. B. D. Pennink, Netherlands

Mission member, termed a "students

club," earlier to-day issued a sharply-

worded statement asserting that the

22 Indonesians who sailed from Kobe

aboard the Tjibadak recently were

The alleged discrimination was

presented in the statement as the

fourth-class accommodation while

other nationals, including Europeans

and Eurasians received better quar-

Strike on Board

sians "volunteered to go through the

Dutch Mission, but a great majority

of the 150 Indonesians in Japan with-

drew their decision to repatriate since

Pennink said there was no second

class accommodation aboard the re-

patriation ship and, naturally, women

repatriates managed to get third class

only after staging a strike aboard.

It also claimed that SCAP did not

respond to efforts by Indonesians to

have the repatriation arranged

through SCAP rather than by the

Netherlands Mission.—United Press.

The Indonesian statement said the

they felt they would be open to Dutch

mistreatment."

and children came first.

The statement said the 22 Indone-

the victims of racial discrimination.

Indonesian nationals' assignment

Batavia, Feb. 12.

REPATRIATION

## Wallace Warns-Atom Bomb No Longer Secret

#### ROYAL FAMILY GOES SWIMMING

London, Fcb. 12. While coal-short Britons shivered in the most prolonged cold wave in 50 years, the King yesterday went swimming in a special pool rigged up in HMS Vanguard, steaming through tropical waters towards South Africa.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Vanguard said King George, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose and members of the Royal party swam for half an hour in the pool.

The Royal family is due at Capetown on February 17.—Associated Press.

## Strike Holds Up Rice In Rangoon

Rangoon. Feb. 13. Tons of rice badly needed in solving the world food problem are piling up in Burma, because locks. of the Rangoon dock workers' strike which enters its 18th day without sign of settlement.

A Government official estimated on. about 20,000 tons of rice are awaiting shipment in Rangoon, while an additional 50,000 tons are tied up rural districts because of lack transportation facilities which are hampered by lack of coal. Coal ships in harbour are waiting to be

unloaded. The Burma Government expected to ship 750,000 tons of surplus rice to China, India, Netherlands East Indies, Ceylon, Malay States, Korea and United Kingdom in the first six months of 1947. Rice shipped in January totalled 88,000 tons, but nothing has been shipped February.—Associated Press.

### Not Prejudicial To Alliance

London, Feb. 12. The French Government's activities in Indo-China will in no way affect the negotiations for an Anglo-French alliance, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr Bevin was replying to the Commerce. Labour Member, Mr R. Chamberlain, Leon Blum, should not be delayed via Odessa. until Britain had ascertained the French Government's intentions re- also said to be interested in the purgarding Indo-China, where fighting chase of certain oils and copra.has been going on for weeks between | United Press.' French troops and forces of the semiautonomous Viet Nam Republic.

The proposed alliance between Britain and France, Mr Bevin declared, is to prevent any further aggression by Germany, as already stated in the House two weeks ago by the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

#### AMNESTY FOR POLES PROPOSED

Warsaw. Feb. 12. President Boleslaw Bierut to-day announced that the draft of a the town. The police also raided general amnesty for 40,000 political the Communist Party offices, and and criminal prisoners in Poland and abroad would be submitted to the at Lewe. Slem next Tuesday.

Mr Bierut told a press conference nearly everyone except those deactivities abroad."

majority of the prisoners—officially munists. put at 24,000 common criminals, 12,000 underground workers and 11,000 collaborators—would be reincluding all criminals

August, however, found only about

finished and none of the mines com-

Operated by Trip Rope

pletely assembled.

New York, Feb. 12. Henry Wallace, former Secretary of Commerce, in an editorial in the current issue of the magazine New Republic, assorts that Franco is building an atomic pile, that at least one pile will be in operation in the Scandinavian countries before the year ends and that the British are building an atomic power plant that will be able to make bombs.

Wallace added that Canada is

"is no longer in a position to say

Wallace said the above named countries will be in a position to reveal their atomic information on the basis of a plan different from the United States, adding: "We alone have succeeded in dejuding ourselves into believing we have a secret. What we can give is not a secret, which we no longer possess. should pledge to co-operate to the limit as equals with other nations in a sincere search for enforceable disarmament."—United Press.

#### Warning Against Surprise

London, Feb. 12. The Manchester Guardian editorially warned to-day that other countries besides America are capable of making atomic bombs, and "we should not be taken by surprise if. the necessary period (for their construction) should prove much shorter

than has been suggested." At the present rate of scientific at Sandringham. progress, the Guardian said, atomic knowledge may become common property before the Security Council can get through "Its series of dead-

It said: "Scientists here are inclined to question whether anything is to be hoped from the atmosphere in which the discussions are carried

The editorial reviewed lengthly the recent Atomic Scientists' Association report on the American and Russian control plans.—United Press.

### MALAYAN RUBBER FOR RUSSIA

Singapore, Feb. 13. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Singapore has received permission to sell up to 10,000 pounds of Malayan rubber each month to the Soviet Union on condition the shipments are paid for in sterling or gold dollars, it was learned here yesterday.

The deal was arranged between two trade representatives of the Soviet Union and Mr Lee Kong-chian, president of the Chinese Chamber of

The Russian steamer Komiles is who asked if the treaty negotiations, scheduled to arrive at Singapore initiated during a recent visit to Lon- during the third week of February don of the former French Premier, M. to take the first shipment to Russia

The Russian representatives were

#### 18 DIE IN BURMA DISTURBANCE

Rangoon, Feb. 12. Eighteen Communists were shot dead and many seriously wounded in a clash with a combined police and military squad at Lewe, in the Irrawaddy Delta area, it was authoritatively reported to-day. A curfew has been imposed on

arrested several Communist leaders

Lawlessness on an extensive scale had been reported from the rich the draft was "very broad, affecting | rice-growing areas of the Irrawaddy Delta south of Rangoon, where the prived of Polish citizenship for their authorities are carrying on an energetic campaign against disrup-He also said an overwhelming tive elements," believed to be Com-

The Communists, it was alleged, uprisings in the "home rule" province were organising a "peasant movement" to prevent the sales of paddy to governmental and private enter-Rangoon.—Reuter. .

## fully 80 per-cent on the way towards atomic production. He asserts the United States is no longer in a position to say it will relinquish atomic secrets if other nations will show they

Derby, Feb. 12. Ernest Teran Hooley, the man who rose from a 30 shillings a week factory hand to multimillionaire and fell to a convict, died last night at Long Eaton, Derbyshire. He was 88 last Wednesday.

. Hooley was one of the most powerful financiers of the century and at one time, it was said, owned £10,-000,000 worth of land in Britain.

He was a member of many of the most exclusive clubs in London and, according to his own statement, was once the guest of King Edward VII

Hooley saw his wealth and fame totter when he was sentenced in 1922 to three years' penal servitude for alleged frauds,

floated or was the power behind such great companies as/Dunlops, Singer, Boyril and Schweppes, but of course had nothing to do with them from shortly after they had been floated. It is claimed that in 1896 and 1897 he flonted companies with a combined capital of £30,000,000.-Reuter,

## INCREASES

Oxford, Feb. 12. The annual licensing sessions reported to-day that drunkenness in Britain had increased 100 percent during 1946.

Blues of Oxford University.

fore the Public Magistrate for tavern and restaurant owners applying for new liquor licences.-United Press.

## Olympic Ski Tests

Chamonix, France, Feb. 12. Finland to-day scored first in unofficial winter Olympic tests here when the Finnish star. August Kiuru, won the 18-kilometre crosscountry ski race. The Swede Eyetoy was close behind him in second place.

Nickland Stump, of Switzerland, finished third in the long distance race over a figure of eight course which was the opening event of the grand ski week here.

Kluru finished in the official time of 1 hour, 4 minutes and 52 seconds while Eyetoy was clocked in at 1 hour, 6 minutes and 59 seconds. Stump's time was I hour, 7 minutes and 57 seconds.—United Press.

#### BREN GUNS FOR LOYALTY

Teheran, Feb. 12. Bren guns, dlamond rings and medals were to-day presented to each of the 97 chiefs of tribes loyal to the central government during the recent of Azerbailan.

The chieftains, representing the Kurd, Shahsavan, Tavalesh and Zolserving less than two years.—United prises and to hold up rice boats for faghar tribes, were honoured at the order of the Shah.—Reuter

When still a young man, Hooley

## DRUNKENNESS

It was stated that Cambridge led all of England in drunkenness and Oxford was second. It was regarded as a "bitter" defeat for the Dark

The licensing session was held be-

## Chinese To Study Police Methods

Berkeley, California, Feb. 12. Aged criminologist August Vollmer has been forced to decline an invitation to go to China to reorganise the police system but much of his knowledge will be carried to the Orient by one of his pupils."

Vollmer, at present 71 years of age, said to-day that Mr William Cheng, political science student at the University of California, has been designated by the Chinese Government to take special work under Vollmer, who is professor of criminology at the university. Cheng will take Vollmer's regular

classes and get three extra hours of tutoring weekly and spend weekends in various police stations. When Vollmer feels his protege has sufficiently advanced, Cheng will go to China and teach police

#### POWER CUT IN HAMBURG

officials there.—United Press.

Hamburg, Feb. 12. Hamburg will have only two hours of electric current daily for the time ing the 1906 typhoon were also being, it was announced here this crowded with passengers. morning. The order is to come into force immediately.

necessitated by a further deteriorapletely at 7 p.m.—Reuler.

#### CANNING FRUIT GOING TO ROT

Thousands of tons of canning fruit will rot in Victoria because of the sugar shortage caused by engineers joining to-day the month-old strike They demand a pay increase of

Clothing, matches, groceries and preserved foods are becoming scarce

## In Vienna

Vienna, Feb. 12.

cials on the Austrian food situation. The Fort Sandusky is fully equip- of their ills. and return to London on Friday. clared that the demands or the cur- to do a major operation.

rent ration period could be met.— She joined the Fort Sandusky in only woman in the Pacific at present at 1-8 Wyndfiam Street, City of Vic-

## Important Antarctic Discovery

Aboard Mount

Olympus, Feb. 12. The discovery on the frozen South Polar con-. tinent of a remarkable "onsis" of muddy pen-green lakes with jutting tall dark brown mounds of apparently bare earth was announced to-day.

The discovery of a potential "Shangri-la" may be one of the most important made by the Navy expedition under Admiral Richard Byrd.

A 40-mile region of lakes with contral mounds rising 500 feet above the surface, in an area completely devoid of ice, was located inland in the vicinity of Knox Coast by filers of the expedition's Western Task Group reconnoitring on Monday, according to Capt Robert S. Quak, chief of the expeditionary staff.

The discovery of the lakes and mounds, which resemble chocolate A statement alleging Dutch drops from the air, raised the quesracial discrimination in connec- | tion whether the area might be tion with the repatriation of the warm enough to support year-round human settlements comfortably.

Expeditionary leaders said they day evoked an angry denial consider the discovery of from a Notherlands Mission greatest importance from the standofficial, who emphasised he was point of geography and geology. not a "tourist officer" and that

#### Engine Trouble

merely "got what was due Little America, Feb. 12. Bad' luck in the form of engine trouble hit a second long-range exploration attempt from Little America when two planes were forced to turn back with a discovery just over the

> The planes were heading for unknown territory beyond the Alexandra mountain range, south-west of Little America. They had reached a point 285 miles from the base when one plane developed trouble in both engines. It was decided that both planes should return to Little America.—United Press.

### FERTILISER SHORTAGE

Washington, Feb. 12. The International Emergency Food Council's committee on fertilisers stated to-day that world supplies of fertiliser in 1947 will fall greatly short of demand and will limit production of needed food.

The report placed the world deficit of fertilisers, particularly nitrogen, all soluble phosphates and potash at 2,261,000 metric tons.

The deficit of the current year is the greatest since the war started. The committee, to ease the shortage, recommended increased production and agreed unanimously on equitable distribution of available fertiliser supply to over 100 claimant

countries during the current year. The committee members represent Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Belglum, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, France, India, Holland. Norway and the United States .-

## Correspondence

HONGKONG'S MARITIME DISASTERS

(The Editor, HK Telegraph)

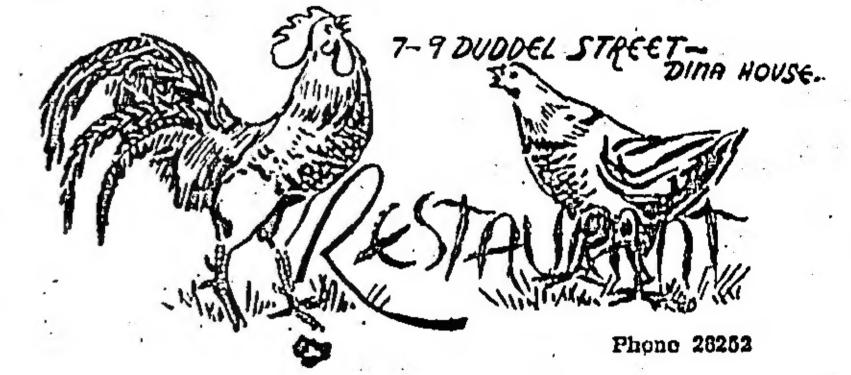
Sir.—A few days ago a note appended to a picture of the ill-fated 7 p.m. Sai On qualified it as the greatest maritime disaster. This is not correct. Some 40 years ago a fire gutted the Hankow, just as she arrived from Canton, with a loss of life running into many hundreds. Several years ngo a terrible explosion on a hulk in-Hongkong Harbour was also disastrous. Some of the river steamers which sank in Hongkong waters dur-

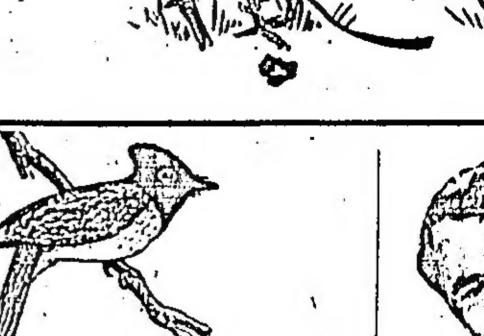
might be a good idea to make com- Bobby Riggs, to-night winning 6-2, This emergency progress has been pulsory the publication of a little book | 62 in the professional tennis matches | Airmail: containing a record of shipping disas- at Wembley Stadium. tion in the lown's coal supplies. | ters so that the lessons to be learned | Budge won with smashing serves Tramway services will be maintained from such disasters might not be lost and a brilliant net game. during the day but will stop com- on these concerned with the main- In the frigidalrof Wembley's board tenance of safety in shipping in courts, Riggs appeared in white Hongkong. The lessons learnt after lannels. After losing the first game, the holocaust on the Hankow were he stripped them off, as the crowd translated into a number of regula- looked on in hushed expectancy, to

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#### BUDGE WINS AT WEMBLEY

Donald Budge outclassed com-Men's memories are short, and it pletely the professional champion, Canton, 4 p.m.

London, Feb., 12.

reveal his famous white shorts underneath.—United Press.

Scamail:

Helay: Home News from Britain: 7.15.
Edith Lorand and Her Orchestra: 7.30.
Studio: Ken Barrett at the Piano: 7.50.
London Transcription Service: "it's a Pleasure": 8.20. Hecord Revue. A Revue of the latest records received by ZBW Arranged and Presented by Robert Sloss: 8. London Relay: News: 8.10. "From the Shows"—Musical Comedy: 0.30. London Relay: "The Jara Society": 10; A Spanish Programme With Tito Schipa (Tenor): 10.25. Brahms: Symphony No. 3 in F. Major. Op. 90. Willem Mengelburg and Concertgebow Orchestra: 11. Close Down.

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South America, Canada, (via San Fan-

cisco) 3 p.m. Amoy, 2 p.m. Straits, 2 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki, 3 p.m. Kongmoon, 4 p.m.

Marseilles, London, New York, Canada,

Canton, 4 p.m. Friday, February 14 Airmail: Manila, 10 a.m. Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi. Barra, Cairo, .- Johannesburg, Augusta,

3.30 p.m. Beamuil: Straits, 3 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki, J.p.m.

Saturday, February 15 Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 3,30 p.m.

Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m. Salgon, Mauritlus, 10 a.m. USA, Central, South America, Canada via San Francisco) 10 a.m.

Swatow, Foochow, 2 p.m. Straits, Ceylon, East and South Africa: Amoy. Shanghai, 3 p.m. Manila, J. p.m. Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki, J. p.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

Canton, 4 p.m.

ZBW on 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 5.30 to 11 p.m., and on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 5.30 to 6.30 and 9 to 11 p.m. 5.30, Studio: Children's Hour; 6.30, Hosepital Rounds, Selections by Patients in Hospitals, grranged by Lynn Frater; 7, London Relay; World News; 7.16, London Relay; Home News from Britain; 7.15, Edith Lorand and Her Orchester; 7.30

Dr Killingworth, who is an Aus- Printed and published by Frederick

#### Fantastic Jap Scheme To Underwater Suicide Troops Washington, Feb. 11. deep, a row of mines that could be officials responded that while a man Fantastic details of a Japanese operated by a trip rope from some was willing to die when he himself plan to use underwater suicide distance. troops-some operating from sub-

These mines were to be laid by charge. merged ."foxholes"-in a desperate bld to stem the expected American the underwater attack units, the soinvasion, have been disclosed by the called Fukuryu, and operated by them when the time came. United States Navy. Made public was a report by Closer to shore were to be three Capt. C. G. Grimes, chief of a rows of the underwater guerilla technical commission which spent fighters armed with suicide mines. months studying the Japanese Navy The rows were to be staggered so

Ministry's iden for its own counter- there would be a man every 65 part to the Kamikaze pilots who feet. flew their bemb-laden planes into The attack mine was a charge of about 22 pounds of explosive mounted Grimes said the Navy Ministry on a stick equipped with a contact hoped to have 0.000 men ready for fuse. Its use was simple. The diver combat with self-contained diving would ram the front end against the sults and special attack mines by side or bottom of the ship. He would

October 15; 1945. The war's end in | be destroyed, of course. Grimes said his investigation were able to stay down more than 1,200 men trained, 1,000 suits showed the Japanese had spent con- eight hours. siderable time computing how for Three fixed underwater torpedo one diver should be from another to positions also were planned in the be safe when the latter was ram- entrance of Tokyo Bay. These were In defending a sloping beach, the ming his mine. To questions why the to be manned by from 40 to 60 men Japanese planned to anchor well out spacing was so important since the each, serving in relays of about 10 from shore, in water 32 to 50 feet men were to die anyway, Japanese days,-Associated Press.

made the charge, he was not so willing to be killed because of another's

Two Oxygen Tanks

The self-containing diving suit was equipped with two tames, each containing about 3.7 quarts of compressed oxygen. A liquid food also was developed, to be used by the divers in Victoria.—Reuter. by means of a rubber tube.

. It was reported that after a short training period a man easily could maintain any desired depth down to 50 feet, move along the bottom at 1.2 miles per hour and readily manage torpedoes and mines. By the end of the war the troops

## Melbourne, Feb. 12.

of metal trades workers,

Herbert Hoover

to-day. He will confer with American offi- naval ships.

## Woman Ship's Doctor In Hongkong

In Hongkong at the present moment is Dr. Marie Killingworth, Sydney University graduate in medicine and surgery, who claims the unique distinction of being ship's doctor aboard the supply vessel, Fort Sandusky, which is attached to the British Pacific Fleet.

blonde, is the only woman aboard, ship. For the last half year she has She messes in the officer's wardroom, been travelling the Pacific including and has her own quarters which, with Japan and the islands. Mr Herbert Hoover, President Tru- a characteristic woman's touch, she man's food envoy, arrived in Vienna has made appear very different from Dr Killingworth has signed on for the ordinary run of cabins found on 12 months, says she likes the job, but

ped for surgical operations, but Dr

Dr Killingworth, tall, attractive placing a male doctor who left the

has a hankering after curing children

The Austrian Cabinet to-day de- Killingworth says she has not yet had' tralian, is not the only woman ship's Percy Franklin for and on behalf of Sydney, about six months ago, re- performing these duties.